

of a group in a theatrical ice skating production; and

“(ii) seeks to enter the United States temporarily and solely for the purpose of performing—

“(I) as such an athlete with respect to a specific athletic competition; or

“(II) in the case of an individual described in clause (i)(IV), in a specific theatrical ice skating production or tour.”.

(b) LIMITATION.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F)(i) No nonimmigrant visa under section 101(a)(15)(P)(i)(a) shall be issued to any alien who is a national of a country that is a state sponsor of international terrorism unless the Secretary of State determines, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that such alien does not pose a threat to the safety, national security, or national interest of the United States. In making a determination under this subparagraph, the Secretary of State shall apply standards developed by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that are applicable to the nationals of such states.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘state sponsor of international terrorism’ means any country the government of which has been determined by the Secretary of State under any of the laws specified in clause (iii) to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

“(iii) The laws specified in this clause are the following:

“(I) Section 6(j)(1)(A) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)(1)(A)) (or successor statute).

“(II) Section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)).

“(III) Section 620A(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a)).”.

(c) PETITIONS FOR MULTIPLE ALIENS.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)), as amended by subsection (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit a petition under this subsection to seek classification of more than 1 alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(P)(i)(a).”.

(d) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)), as amended by subsections (b) and (c), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(H) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit an athlete, or the employer of an athlete, to seek admission to the United States for such athlete under a provision of this Act other than section 101(a)(15)(P)(i) if the athlete is eligible under such other provision.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 5, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., to consider the nomination of Robert M. Gates to be Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a Full Committee hearing on Nominations on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. Nominees to be considered are Steven Chealander to be a Member of the NTSB and Charles Dorkey to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “Report Card on Tax Exemptions and Incentives for Higher Education: Pass, Fail, or Need Improvement?”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Finance on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 12 noon, in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on the nominations of Mr. Anthony Ryan to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; Dr. Phillip Swagel to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; Mr. Dean Pinkert to be Member of the U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC; Mr. Irving Williamson to be Member of the U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC; Ms. Dana Bilyeu to be Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD; and, The Honorable Mark Warshawsky to be Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 5 p.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Examining Enforcement of Criminal Insider Trading and Hedge Fund Activity” on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Mr. Ronald J. Tenpas, Associate Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC; The Honorable Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Hartford, CT; Ms. Linda C. Thomsen, Director of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC;

Panel II: Mr. Gary J. Aguirre, Former Investigator, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC; Mr. Walter J. Stachnik, Inspector General, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC; Mr. Robert B. Hanson, Branch Chief, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC; Mr. Mark Kreitman, Assistant Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC; Mr. Paul R. Berger, Former Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC; Mr. Eric Ribelin, Branch Chief, Office of Market Surveillance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Judicial Nominations” on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. for a hearing regarding “An Assessment of Improper Payments Information Act of 2002”.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff members be accorded the privilege of the floor during debate and all votes on H.R. 5384, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2007: Fitzhugh Elder, Dianne Preece, Stacy McBride, Graham Harper, Galen Fountain, Jessica Frederick, Tom Gonzales, Tyler Owens, Amber Sechrist, Phil Karsting, and West Higginbotham.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.